

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-14 are in this application. Claim 15 has been cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the formulae of the aromatic compound (I) and the acylating agent (II).

Support for this is found on pages 8 and 9 of the specification.

The compound of formula (III) is the inorganic solid catalyst obtained in step (ii) of the process. This is supported by the disclosure on page 7 of the application, see for example, lines 20-22. Claim 11 has also been amended to delete reference to formula (III).

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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